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For: **Process For Making Bioabsorbable Self-Expanding Stent**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Before considering this application on the merits, please amend this application as follows:

In the Specification:

To confirm an instruction in the accompanying Request for Divisional Application:
At the first page, immediately after the title, add the following paragraph:

✎ This is a divisional of copending application Serial No. 08/904,467 entitled
 "Bioabsorbable Self-Expanding Stent," filed August 1, 1997, ^{now U.S. Patent 6,245,103}

On page 14 at line 7, after "covering", insert -- 15 --.

On page 31 at line 15, after "vessel.", insert "An extension to 45 extends from side port 41 to an opening 42"; at line 23 after "tube 30.", insert "A tip 31 is disposed at the distal end of tube 30."; at line 30 after "stent 10.", insert "Holes 59 are located in the double wall section of the holes 55. --